Scriptwriting Studio with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To understand and use the features of a playscript, including stage directions, character names, and dialogue.

Kit the Fox is planning a play for the forest theater! Use this template to draft your own short scene. Remember to use a colon after character names and put stage directions in brackets to show how characters should speak or move.

Word bank: dramatic · stage directions · dialogue · scene heading · character list · parentheses · action · expression

1. Scene Setting: Describe where your scene takes place and who is on stage at the very beginning. (2 marks)

2. Character Introduction: List your characters and give a brief description of their mood or personality for this scene. (2 marks)

3. Opening Dialogue: Write the first few lines of speech between two characters. Remember to use stage directions to show their actions. (4 marks)

4. The Conflict: What problem or challenge do your characters face in this scene? Write the dialogue where they discuss it. (4 marks)

5. The Resolution: How does the scene end? Include a stage direction to show a character leaving the stage or a final action. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try reading your script aloud with a partner. Can you add more descriptive stage directions to help the actors understand how to perform their lines?